REMARKS

Applicant's counsel thanks the Examiner for the careful consideration given the application. On January 5, 2004, Applicant's counsel had a telephone interview with the Examiner in which Applicant's counsel proposed that Claim 8 be amended by adding the limitation "said yttria film being formed from yttrium salt dissolved in a liquid medium". The Examiner agreed that this limitation defined over the art of record, but the Examiner stated that she would still have to do her update searching.

Subject to the update searching, the Examiner has indicated that all of the claims now define over the art of record.

A copy of Applicant's Form 1449 was previously enclosed and the Examiner indicated that she would initial the last reference and return a copy of the initialed Form 1449 with the next communication.

If there are any fees required by this communication, please charge any such fees to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, Order No. 33413 (LD11485).

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